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Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR EXECUTING BATCH JOBS BY DELEGATING WORK TO INDEPENDENT SERVICE PROVIDERS	<b>Customer No. 23910</b>

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This RESPONSE is in reply to the Office action mailed January 5, 2004.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this  
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